

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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November 20, 2013

City of Cle Elum 119 W First Street Cle Elum WA 98922-1105

Dear City of Cle Elum:

Re: Determination of Water Budget Neutrality for Request No. G4-35629

Thank you for submitting a Request for Determination of Water Budget Neutrality, which was received by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) office on June 17, `2013.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-539A, Ecology has determined your proposed appropriation of groundwater, as mitigated by the trust water right identified in your request, will be water budget neutral with respect to Total Water Supply Available (TWSA) at Parker.

The information in the table below was based on the documents you provided.

## **Proposed Uses and Mitigation Offered**

Use	Proposed Total Annual Quantity (ac-ft/yr*)	Proposed Mitigation (ac-ft/yr*)
Indoor	0.784	0.235
Outdoor	0.043	0.039
Total	0.827	0.274

<sup>\*</sup>ac-ft/yr = acre-feet per year (1 acre-foot = 325,851 gallons)

Consumptive use, totaling 0.274 ac-ft/yr, is proposed to be offset with Trust Water Right No. S4-05259CTCL@2sb7. The total consumptive use does not exceed the amount of water available under the subject trust water right during the irrigation season nor does it exceed the availability of unused Bureau of Reclamation storage capacity to retain the subject portion of the trust water right for later release during the non-irrigation season. Please refer to the enclosed Advisory Letter for additional information.

Ecology has determined, based on review of your Request for Water Budget Neutral Determination and the accompanying materials, your proposed use of groundwater will be Water Budget Neutral as follows:

1. Water use is to be made within Parcel No. 625534 located within the NE¼SW¼ of Section 04, T. 19 N., R. 15 E.W.M.

2. In-home water use is 2 connections, resulting in a consumptive use of 0.235 ac-ft/yr.

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- 3. Outdoor irrigation use is 0.023 acres, resulting in a consumptive use of 0.039 ac-ft/yr.
- 4. The proposed well(s) will be located in Parcel No. 625534, located within the NE¼SW¼ of Section 04, T. 19 N., R. 15 E.W.M.
- 5. Water use shall be recorded and reported as required under WAC 173-539A-070 and as described in the Advisory Letter enclosure.
- 6. You will record with the Kittitas County Auditor a property covenant as required under WAC 173-539A-050 that restricts or prohibits trees or shrubs over a septic drain field on Parcel No. 625534.
- 7. You will record with the Kittitas County Auditor an appropriate conveyance instrument under which the applicant obtains an interest in Trust Water Right No. S4-05259CTCL@2sb7 to offset consumptive use as described in this letter.
- 8. You will pay to Ecology the sum of \$114.05 which represents a proportionate amount of the payment due and owing to the United States for storage and deliver of water under Paragraph 15(a) of Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700, between the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Washington Department of Ecology, Yakima Project, Washington, dated January 29, 2009. The consumptive use of 0.144 acre-feet from September 1 through March 31 is subject to the terms and conditions in the Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700.
- 9. Any valid priority calls against Trust Water Right No. S4-05259CTCL@2sb7 based on local limitations in water availability, will result in temporary curtailment of the use of water until the priority call for water ends.
- 10. You (applicant) will record with the Kittitas County Auditor a property covenant requiring the applicant to maintain the "flow augmentation" facility in perpetuity.
- 11. Water cannot be put to beneficial use until the "flow augmentation" facility is permitted, constructed, and operational. Proof of operation of the facility must be submitted in writing to the Department of Ecology.

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this decision on Ecology in paper form by mail or in person. (See addresses below.) E-mail is not accepted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Water Storage and Exchange Contract No. 09XX101700 between the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Washington Department of Ecology.

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You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey WA 98503	Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia WA 98504-7608
Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel Road SW, Ste 301 Tumwater WA 98501	Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia WA 98504-0903

For additional information visit the Environmental Hearings Office Website: <a href="http://www.eho.wa.gov">http://www.eho.wa.gov</a>
To find laws and agency rules visit the Washington State Legislature Website: <a href="http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser">http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser</a>

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Mitchell at (509) 575-2597.

Sincerely, Mark Kenner, WR Section Mgr by

Mark Kemner, LHG, Section Manager

Water Resources Program

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Enclosures: Your Right To Be Heard

Advisory Letter (white sheet)

Water Measuring Requirement and Form 1

By Certified Mail: 7010 0290 0000 7126 5114

Holly Duncan, Kittitas County Public Health Department)

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